

WOEA-R Minutes

April 17, 2024

Those in attendance: Emmy Brudzynski, Phil Long, Lori Moodie, Doris Moore, Debbie Owens, Jane Rahn, Karen Shires, Mary Skare, Ernie Stockton, Tom Underwood, Joni Watson, Dawn Wojcik

Guest: Pastor Bill Moore

Call to Order: 11:33

Reading of the minutes: Lori Moodie (March, 2024 agenda adopted with corrections)

Officer's Reports:

President's Report: Doris Moore (DLAMC has been reinstated, recognized Joni's article in the newspaper)

Secretary's Report: Lori Moodie (Please print out agenda and minutes for each meeting or have them available on your phone or other device for our meetings. Lori will usually have a few copies available for those who don't have access to them.)

Committee Reports:

Membership: Jane Rahn and Emmy Brudzynski (We sent out 80 newsletters. We're getting new members. Keep using word of mouth to invite new members.)

Sunshine: Debbie Owens (WOEA-R sent a condolence card to Diane Mann's family. She was a member of WOEA-R and passed away on 3/24/24).

Legislative: Dawn Wojcik (OHEA.org and NEA.org to get more legislative information. Many efforts are weakening public education. See the websites. Send letters to legislatures. Lobby day concentrates on specific bills that affect retirees. First one ever for retirees on May 8.

WEP (Windfall Elimination Provision) got a hearing in Congress. This is the first time that it has received national attention. This law is where they reduce your social security by 2/3 if you have a pension and Social Security. This negatively affects many educators and public employees.

NAACP- Willie Terrell- no report

Advisory Council- Joni Watson (19 registered for spring conference so far (4 from WOEA) for 4/25. It will involve a discussion and tour of the museum, projects and lunch. Lots going on in Centerville, DPS got 3% raise)

5/21/24- "So you're turning 65" webinar on Social Security. Joni will send out an email about this.

5/23/24- "White Nationalism in schools" webinar.

Read Across America- Karen Shires (Part of Advisory Council, Scan QR code to be a reader. She thinks the tech piece is causing some to choose not to participate).

Elections- Phil Long (Elections will be 5/15/24. Will still take letters until the May meeting and will take nominations from the floor. Those who submitted to run are: Chair- Doris Moore

Secretary- Lori Moodie,

Vice Chair-

Treasurer-

Elections Committee members are: Phil Long, Dawn Wojcik, Sandy Freeman)

12:05-12:20- Break for Lunch

WOEA Committee Reports:

Collective Bargaining- Lori Moodie (They have not met this year. The Chair, Nola Brooks, is retiring this year).

Organizing Strategy- Phil Long (STRS pre-retirement workshop- 27 registered. He wants this to be every year. This really benefits the active members.

DLAMC- Doris Moore (DLAMC has been reinstated).

Legislative- Dawn Wojcik

WOEA Uniserve Council Meetings:

Far West- Sandy Dobberstein

Grand Lake- Phil Long (Trying something with going every other month, but attendance hasn't been great. Fort Recovery just got a new packet with a good raise.)

Greene County- Karen Shires (Science of Reading is going to be required. The schools will have to negotiate how they're going to pay for the many required training hours.) Science of Reading is strict phonics instead of cues and clues. Read more about it, if interested. They're getting rid of Reading Recovery.

Happy Trails- Doris Moore

Miami Valley A/B- Joni Watson

2 Far West- Joni Watson

Western- Doris Moore (Milton Union- Coaching for free and filing ULP)

Grand Old River- Annette Johnson

Old Business: Doris asked for the details for the WOEa line item in writing.

Phil- OEA-R has been asked to participate with OEA to give our book. We'll be on the list from now on.

WOEA-R is one of the few retired organizations in the state to meet monthly, and things are organized for the members. Joni suggested the Dream Center.

New Business:

STRS- Meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month. Please attend if you can, so you can get info about what is going on with your pension.

Introductions since we have new members.

Announcements: Next meeting: 11:00 on May 15, 2024, at Ray's Wine Spirits Grill 8268 N. Main St. Clayton, Ohio 45415

Adjourned: 12:46